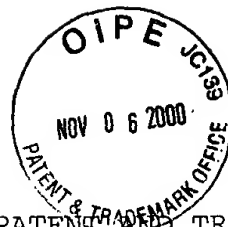


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No.: 09/672,769 ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
59-123670	Japan	July 17, 1984
59-138461	Japan	August 8, 1984
60-71260	Japan	April 23, 1985

54-56847	Japan	May 8, 1979
61-59911	Japan	March 27, 1986
61-59912	Japan	March 27, 1986
61-59914	Japan	March 27, 1986

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/178,631	10/26/98	1755	pending
08/635,375	4/19/96	1771	pending
08/863,719	5/27/97	1774	pending
08/501,564	7/12/95	1771	pending
08/974,513	11/19/97	1774	pending
08/771,910	12/23/96	1774	pending
09/025,253	2/18/98	2853	pending
09/179,577	10/27/98	2853	pending
09/241,852	2/2/99	2853	pending
09/257,510	2/25/99	2853	pending
09/259,253	3/1/99	2853	pending
09/283,192	4/1/99	1714	pending
09/342,534	6/1/99	2853	pending
09/669,899	9/27/00	not assigned	pending
09/549,935	4/14/00	2861	pending
09/526,274	3/15/00	1755	pending

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

#### REMARKS

The Japanese references are cited at pages 1, 43, and 46 of the specification. Each of these references is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese references are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts obtained from a commercial database for each of the Japanese

references also are attached as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

#### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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